

Remarks

Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered after final, as they place the claims in condition for allowance.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 22-25, 28-33, 35 and 40-42 are pending in the application, with 22, 28 and 40 being the independent claims. Claim 37 is sought to be canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claim 40 is sought to be amended. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, *inter alia* in the specification at page 16, line 19 - page 17, line 8 and originally filed claims 13 and 15-18. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment, all remaining rejections are now considered moot.

Status of the claims

The Examiner indicated on Paper No. 35, dated July 8, 2003, that claims 22-25, 28-33, 35 and 40-42 were allowed. Upon entry of the above amendments, the only claims currently pending are those indicated as allowed. Claim 40 has been amended so that it no longer depends from a canceled claim.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Supplemental Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,



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